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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZEN ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE OF TWO MPS

1. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MP ELMER MAC KAY CHARGED
YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN
PRESS RELEASE THAT A U.S. CITIZEN, WARREN HART, "CURRENTLY
EMPLOYED WITH U.S. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE," HAD BEEN INVOLVED
IN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL
(AND PRESENTLY MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS)
WARREN ALLMAND AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY MP JOHN RODRIGUEZ.
IN A NOTARIZED LETTER TO MAC KAY DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1977,
HART ASSERTS THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RCMP FROM 1971
TO 1975 AS AN INFORMER ON BLACK EXTREMISTS IN CANADA
AND THAT IT WAS IN THIS CAPACITY AND ON RCMP ORDERS THAT
HE WAS INVOLVED IN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF ALLMAND AND
RODRIGUEZ, AND NDP MEETINGS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

2. IN HIS PRESS RELEASE, MAC KAY STATED THAT HART'S
ASSERTIONS RAISE DOUBTS ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF A LETTER
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PC LEADER JOE CLARK INDICATING
THAT NO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER
SURVEILLANCE DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE. MAC KAY RECOM-
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MENDED THAT HART APPEAR BEFORE THE MAC DONALD COMMISSION
WHICH IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING ACTIVITIES OF THE RCMP.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MAC KAY, TRUDEAU TOLD THE HOUSE THAT HE
STOOD BY HIS STATEMENT THAT NO FEDERAL MP, WITHOUT CONSENT,
HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BY THE
RCMP SECURITY SERVICE. SOLICITOR GENERAL BLAIS COMMENTED

THAT HE WOULD STUDY THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY HART.

4. COMMENT: THIS AFFAIR HAS RECEIVED MAJOR ATTENTION IN THE MEDIA, BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. THE MEDIA STORIES HAVE BEEN BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON MAC KAY'S PRESS RELEASE, INCLUDING THE NOTARIZED LETTER OF HART. THAT HART IS AMERICAN CITIZEN HAS BEEN DULY NOTED, AS HAS HART'S STATEMENT THAT ON ONE OCCASION DURING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE RCMP HE WAS DEBRIEFED BY THE CIA IN BALTIMORE (APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH TRIPS HE HAD MADE TO THE CARIBBEAN). IF HART'S ALLEGATIONS APPEAR ACCURATE, WE SUSPECT THE OPPOSITION'S TASK WILL BE TO CHARGE THAT HERE IS ANOTHER CASE IN WHICH THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE RCMP.

5. SO FAR, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BUT, IF ASKED, WE INTEND TO STATE: "WE NOTE THAT MR. HART ASSERTS THAT HE HAD SOME CONNECTION WITH THE RCMP. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA." WE HAVE SO ADVISED THE RCMP.) ENDERS

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